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POLICY BOOK

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“Research is Neither a First Step nor a Last Step But it is only a Next Step”

3.1 Prologue:

The SNS College of Technology aims to serve society through the pursuit of research excellence and strives to achieve international recognition through joint interdepartmental and inter-institutional research programs in spanning science, engineering and technology. The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for conducting research and scientific activities and to encourage applied research and innovation. The SNSCT aims to ensure exponential growth in all fields of research across interdisciplinary and intradisciplinary types without compromising ethical norms and research standards.

3.2 Objective:

- To make the students and the faculty members aware of the latest advancements in technology and to foster interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary research using design thinking concepts.
- To create atmosphere among the staff members to take up research projects and improve their knowledge, skills and qualifications by registering Ph. D's.
- To promote Industry-Academia collaboration and interaction.
- To conduct conferences, workshops and seminars on current research areas, intellectual property rights and patents to seek knowledge.
- To provide financial support for attending and publishing papers in National / International Conferences, journals, patents, and for conducting collaborative research with industry and research institutions.
- To encourage all the young and potential faculty members by providing SEED money for carrying out internal projects and collaborative research activities.
- Motivate faculty to undertake nationally and internationally funded projects in science and technology.
- Strengthening faculty for advisory and outreach activities.

3.3 Research Culture in the Institution:

A research and development cell was established at the Institute to promote a quality research culture among the faculty members, scholars and students. R&D cell support addressing societal challenges through academic research, funded projects, and agency-wide consulting projects. The institution has formed a Research Advisory Committee and Research Ethics Committee that include members of our institution and industry experts to provide advice and guidance that will lead to the continued growth of research-related topics.

Faculty members are allowed to attend conferences/workshops related to their field of study in India or abroad. Each year, the institution organize an international conference, research conclaves, seminars, workshops, guest lecturers from leading institutions and industrial experts. Global immersion programs were initiated for the promotion of research work.

3.4 Collaborative Research:

SNSCT has always used opportunities for academia and industry to work together in win-win situations. We have made a consistent effort to partner with reputable academic institutions and industry to provide our students with world-class exposure. The Institute builds strong industrial interactions with various industries for research collaboration. These excellent collaborations help students acquire the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to participate globally in terms of higher studies, internships and entrepreneurship. These sponsored research programs have helped the Institute build its infrastructure and strengthen its facilities in several emerging technology areas. The Institute has also received numerous research grants, projects, special grants, travel grants, STTP, MODROBS, FDP grants and fellowships from DST, CSIR, AICTE and various companies.

3.5 Research centers and Laboratories:

The Institution is committed to maintaining necessary infrastructure and facilities for academic training and to support research activities to the extent that faculty can conduct research in critical areas and use that research output to secure extramural grant support. The institution provides faculty with basic and advanced facilities to conduct various research activities. The institution has special and prestigious facilities for frontier research. The institution has five research centers recognized by Anna University, Chennai (Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electronic and Communication Engineering, and Electrical and Electronic Engineering) and Anna University, Chennai approved research supervisors.

To promote inter disciplinary research activities the following Centre of Excellences like Robotics Process Automation (BOT Lab), BMW Lab, 24/7 Project Laboratory, VLSI Research Lab, AR/VR Lab, IoT Lab, SNS Liquid Studio, Virtual Lab, Advanced Process Control Lab and Power Electronics and Drives Lab and special equipments (few are listed like 3D Printing, Robot Arm Automation with IOT, VCR Research Engine, Antenna Analyzer ATS10, Cadence Software tools, Andes IoT, PWM based AC drive trainer with Induction motor and loading arrangements) were created for the benefit of faculty members, research scholars and students.

Research Grants/Financial Supports/Seed Money/Incentives by the Institution:

- The Institute has introduced seed money support that allows faculty members to continue their research in certain advanced research topics.
- All proposals received will be evaluated for quality by a panel of academic and industry experts, and nominated applicants will receive seed grants. The project duration is one year from the date of approval.
- Grant applications submitted to government agencies and non government agencies must follow the format required for each funding scheme as published on the Government of India website.
- Incentives are given to faculty members who receive research grants from various funding agencies, research publications, publications of books, Collaborative Research Project with renowned industries, Undertaking Consultancy Projects, Presenting research papers at National & International Conferences, Faculty/Staff Development Programme.
- College provides financial support to faculty members for paper presentations in National and International conferences, participation in seminars, workshops, FDPs, STTPs, Industrial Trainings based on their request.

3.6 PhD Programme:

- Faculty members are encouraged to enroll in doctoral programs after obtaining clearance from the institution.
- A PhD student is required to present the research progress every six months to an expert panel appointed by the institution.
- Ph.D holders are advised to get supervisor recognition from Anna University, Chennai.
- Researchers are encouraged to publish their research papers in prestigious SCI-indexed journals.

3.6.1 Full-Time and Part-Time Ph.D Admission

- The candidate shall present their Ph.D work idea to the Principal, Vice Principals, R&D Coordinator, concern department Head/Dean and the supervisor.
- The candidate must clear Entrance examination and Interview conducted by Anna University, Chennai.
- While admission time, candidate have to submit B.E/ B.Tech & M.E/M.TECH/M.Sc degree Certificate/TC.
- Full-time Ph.D candidate should be available during the working hours for curricular and related activities and to sign in the attendance register on all working days at the respective place of research.
- After the successful completion of Ph.D degree, they have to work for minimum three years.

3.7 Consultancy Activities:

Faculty members can take up consultancy works from industry and other organizations. All consultancy work shall be approved by the college level committee, and categorize the consultancy as Type I or II consultancy and then taken up by the Principal Investigator [PI].

i. Type-I Consultancy Projects

Consultancy Projects which do not require laboratory facilities of the Departments/ Institute.

After meeting all the expenses in connection with the consultancy work, the balance amount shall be disbursed to the PIs/consultants, department and the Institute in the ratio of 70%: 10%: 20%

ii. Type-II Consultancy Projects (involving lab. facilities, etc.,)

Consultancy Projects involving use of laboratory facilities of the Departments/Institute will be classified as Type-II Consultancy Projects. Such projects will cover testing, measurements, calibration of equipment/ equipment in laboratory, field testing and measurement and research and development work using laboratory facilities, as a part of that consultancy project.

All fees/charges in connection with consultancy projects should be received in the name of Principal, SNS College of Technology, Coimbatore.

R and D cell shall disburse the fund appropriately as per guidelines provided by the Head of Institution wherever necessary, in case of deviations.

For Individual Consultancy/Department Consultancy work, faculty and non teaching staff members proceeding out of station for consultancy work with the permission of HOD, will be treated as on duty. However consultancy must not hamper the academic schedule/services to be given to the students.

After meeting all the expenses in connection with the consultancy project, the balance amount shall be disbursed to the PIs/consultants, department and the Institute in the ratio of 50%:25%:25%.

3.8 Intellectual Property Rights:

The IPR cell at SNS College of Technology will guide the faculty members, researchers and students through the patent application process, IPR procedures, drafting and submitting patents to competing authority and promoting a better understanding of IPR. Workshops and seminars were frequently held to help inventors to translate their ideas into patentable documents. The IPR Cell strongly encourages fresh ideas from faculty members and students and provides funding to apply for patents and work on inventions.

3.9 Research Committee:

SNSCT has a campus level Research advisory committee and Research Ethics Committee. These committees meet twice in a year or as needed to review research requirements, assess progress in faculty research, oversee the needs of the Ph.D research activity at the campus and bring any issues to the attention of the of the Research Co-coordinator. Any ethical issues in research are brought to the attention of this committee for review and redressal.